

# A Service of the word for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

## Welcome and Introduction

### To God, to God, to God be the glory x4

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

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### Psalm 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God;  
my salvation comes from him.  
2 Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.  
3 How long will you assault me?  
Would all of you throw me down—  
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?  
4 Surely they intend to topple me  
from my lofty place;  
they take delight in lies.  
With their mouths they bless,  
but in their hearts they curse.  
5 Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.  
6 Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.  
7 My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.  
8 Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.  
9 Surely the lowborn are but a breath,  
the highborn are but a lie.  
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;  
together they are only a breath.  
10 Do not trust in extortion  
or put vain hope in stolen goods;  
though your riches increase,  
do not set your heart on them.  
11 One thing God has spoken,  
two things I have heard:  
“Power belongs to you, God,  
12 and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;  
and, “You reward everyone  
according to what they have done.”

**Holy holy holy**  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons  
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons  
Blessed Trinity

Holy we cry Holy X4

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### **Prayer of Preparation**

***All*** **Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

#### **Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

***All*** **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

## Invitation to Confession

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

### *The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Prayer for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

**All** God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Our First reading is Isaiah 7: 1-14

When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

<sup>2</sup> Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer's Field. <sup>4</sup> Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it." <sup>7</sup> Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"It will not take place,  
it will not happen,

<sup>8</sup> for the head of Aram is Damascus,

and the head of Damascus is only Rezin.  
Within sixty-five years  
Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.  
<sup>9</sup> The head of Ephraim is Samaria,  
and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son.  
If you do not stand firm in your faith,  
you will not stand at all."  
<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in  
the deepest depths or in the highest heights."  
<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."  
<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the  
patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the  
Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a  
son, and will call him Immanuel.

**All:** This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Faithful One so unchanging  
Ageless One You're my Rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on You  
I call out to You again and again  
I call out to You again and again

*You are my Rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor  
My hope is in You alone*

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**Our Gospel reading is taken from Matthew chapter 7 verses 24-27**

**All:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

The Wise and Foolish Builders

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into  
practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came  
down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it  
did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears  
these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man  
who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the  
winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

**All:** This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk**

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing**  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You*  
*There is none beside You*  
*Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are*  
*And fill me with Your heart*  
*And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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## **The Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**All:** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

### **The Creed**

**All:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

**All:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Notices**

#### **Wherever you lead me**

I'm gonna follow  
I'm trusting you God  
You are good  
Life will get crazy  
Wild and amazing  
I'm trusting you God  
You are good  
(REPEAT)

(Oh) I wanna live each day like anything can happen  
Can't hardly wait to see what's next  
I wanna face this world with wonder and excitement  
Face every challenge every test  
(REPEAT)

Walk through the valley  
Climb mountains high  
Wherever we go Lord  
YOU ARE GOOD  
Can't hold me back now  
I'm gonna fly  
Wherever we go Lord  
YOU ARE GOOD  
(REPEAT)

I'm trusting you God  
You are good  
I'm trusting you God  
You are good

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### **Blessing**

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**